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## Leona Maguire plays last 6 holes in 6 under, comes from behind to win Meijer LPGA Classic

BELMONT, Mich., June 18, 2023 (AP): Leona Maguire used a fabulous finish to avoid another near-miss at the Meijer LPGA Classic.

Maguire played her final six holes in 6 under and shot an 8-under 64 for a two-shot victory on Sunday, her second tour victory after two straight second-place finishes in the Michigan event.

The 28-year-old Maguire, from Ireland, was the runner-up at Blythefield in both 2021 and last year. She won her first LPGA Tour title last year at the Drive On Championship. Sunday's finish was her third straight in the top 10 heading into two upcoming majors: the KPMG Women's PGA Championship next week at Baltusrol and the U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach on July 6-9.

"The goal today was just to go

out and shoot as low a score as possible and see where I ended up," Maguire said. "This one is, I think, that little bit sweeter after coming so close two years in a row.

"I know a lot of people this week were saying you're due one, this course owes you something, all the rest. But I suppose that's not golf. Golf usually doesn't work like that. But nice that it all worked out well for me this week."

Maguire made six birdies and an eagle in her bogey-free round to finish at 21-under 267. She caught playing partner Ariya Jutanugarn with an eagle on the par-5 14th hole to reach 18 under, then closed with three straight birdies to pull ahead of Jutanugarn and Xiyu Lin.

"My goal today was to shoot 20-under par," Maguire said. "I thought if I got to 20, that would be a good target to set for the girls coming behind. I didn't look at leaderboards. ... It was obviously a bonus to go one better, 21, and obviously a bogey-free on a Sunday is very nice, as well."

Maguire was solid but unspectacular on the front nine, birdieing both par 3s, and was 2 under for the day through 12 holes. She then birdied the par-3 13th to kick off her torrid closing stretch.

She called the birdie at No. 13 "massive," and anticipated chances to go low over the closing holes.

"It's that kind of golf course where there's chances, you just have to be ready to take them when you get them," she said. "I played the par-3s really, really well today and didn't

quite play the par-5s as well as I would have liked. ... That putt going in on 13 was sort of a bit of a mental shift for me, and then obviously to get that eagle on 14 was huge."

Jutanugarn, a 12-time winner on tour including two majors, shot her second straight 66 and finished alone in second. Lin, playing in the final group, birdied the 14th to reach 19 under but played her final four holes in 1 over to shoot 68 and finish tied for third with third-round leader Amy Yang (69).

Hyo Joo Kim (69) was fifth. Defending champion Jennifer Kupcho had a fourth-round 69 and finished in a tie for sixth with Jasmine Suwannapura (66). Ashleigh Buhai, the 34-year-old South African who won the ShopRite LPGA Classic last week in New Jersey, was a stroke off the lead entering the final round, but struggled to a 73 and tied for 13th.

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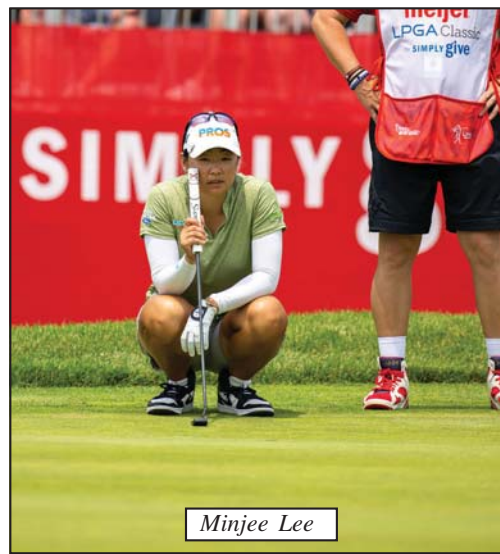
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Leona Maguire, congratulated by caddy after sinking birdie on final hole of the tournament, to finish at -21.



Amy Yang



Minjee Lee

## Leona Maguire shoots 8 under on final day; Crowned Champion of Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give

By Larry Arreguin

BELMONT, MI, June 19, 2023: For the third straight week *Leona Maguire (Ireland)*, finishes in the top 10, this time besting *Ariya Jutanugarn (Thailand)* and out lasting *Amy Yang (Korea)* to capture the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give. Starting in the second group and trailing the leader, Maguire would shoot -8 under and win for the first time this year.

Next month the LPGA tour will visit Sylvania, OH where *Gaby Lopez (Mexico)* will hope to defend her 2022 win.

For more information about the July 13-16th *Dana Open*, visit [www.danaopen.com](http://www.danaopen.com)



## Lowering Homebuying Barriers for Millennials & Gen Z

By Michigan State Housing Development Authority

The ‘American Dream’ is unique in its vision of achieving success through hard work and determination –the belief that anyone can have a good life, defined by a stable family, a caring community and financial success, if they do their part and contribute to society.

In 2023, the dream feels more like a lofty goal to Millennials who make up a large portion of the homebuying market, and Gen Z, who are entering the workforce. For instance, 50% of early millennials born in the 1980s owned their homes by 35, which is much lower than when baby boomers were the same age (70%).

Housing has become less accessible and affordable for a greater number of people due to low housing stock and rising costs nationwide. Safe and adequate housing has never been more important – and remains at the forefront of state programs aimed at helping people achieve their goals.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has laid the foundation for these programs to thrive and reach as many Michigan residents as possible, including the creation and implementation of the Statewide Housing Plan. The plan outlines strategies and programs to make housing more accessible by engaging with community leaders, housing developers and residents around the state – with the goal of increasing the supply of homes and dismantling barriers of entry.

### Generational Differences in Homebuying Habits

The goal of homeownership has evolved over time – coinciding with the shift in attitudes and values of younger generations, along with financial hurdles for them to overcome.

For many, mostly millennials, owning or renting a home in and around urban areas felt like a great way to stay connected with cultural centers and to be closer to where they worked. However, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the perspective for many young fami-



lies who were looking for more space or a change of pace, they began to flock to suburban and rural areas thanks to the advent of remote work.

Millennials and Gen Z are at more of a financial disadvantage than their older counterparts. For instance, Millennials have 6.6% of the country’s wealth, which is much less than Baby Boomers (50.4%) and Gen Xers (29.9%). This lack of funds, combined with outside forces like inflation, has put home buyers in a position where they may not be able to afford a home.

Shifting priorities and new barriers to entry have distilled the vision of the white picket fence and manicured lawn down to its most basic element: the demand for safe and affordable housing.

### Affordable Housing as an Essential Right

Everyone, no matter their level of income or amount of wealth, has the right to safe and affordable housing defined by a cost effective, reliable place to call home. Younger homeowners and potential buyers deserve the ability to secure stable housing and if they are struggling, they can take advantage of state and local programs to do so.

MSHDA offers programs and services, including the MI 10K DPA loan and Housing Education Program, to help lower the barriers of entry to homeownership and help low to middle income families and achieve their goals of securing a place they can call home.

MSHDA’s Statewide Housing Plan shares valuable data and information on how the organization is working across the state to increase the supply of affordable homes and ensure a better future for the next generation of home buyers. For more information on MSHDA programs, please visit [michigan.gov/mshda](http://michigan.gov/mshda).

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# MC Magic headlines Latin Rap Concert on June 24th at Majestic; Baby Bash, Lil Rob, Jay Roxxx and Nora Yvelle will also perform

By Larry Arreguin

DETROIT, MI, Tuesday, June 6, 2023: When it comes to Latinos and rap music, a name that continues to emanate on the scene is *MC Magic*. With over 28 years of performing to audiences Magic's (*Marco Cardenas*) music has withstood the times and continues to attract new fans of all ages. "I believe love is the Strongest Power in the World," stated MC Magic.

The rap star was born in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and in the presence of his mother, would often hear her listening to love songs from Juan Gabriel and others. "I spoke Spanish growing up and bilingual music was rare in 1994." Because of this, breaking into mainstream music was difficult and Magic took a different approach and started his own label. This allowed him the freedom to continue to build his mu-

sic catalog and also sign up and coming performers.

Detroit will be a first for the Entertainer who has a robust 2023 touring schedule that includes: CA, TX, OK, MD, NJ, NY, NC, GA, AZ, NV and San Luis Obispo. With a goal to "reach new territory," he's looking forward to visiting the home town of Eminem and the birthplace of soul music.

Believing in others and having been told "you can be anything when your grow up," Magic continues his humble ways by providing local acts an opportunity to "shine in their own town." *Nora Yvelle*, from Southwest Detroit will have that chance as an opening act. "Put the work



behind it, being in this business for 25 plus years wasn't easy."

Later this year, MC Magic will celebrate his 28th wedding anniversary and knowing his 80-year-old mother can see the hard work has paid off, his appearance at the Majestic

Theater should be memorable.

To obtain tickets for the June 24th concert at the Majestic Theatre Center in Midtown Detroit or for more information please visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com) or [www.nastyboy-records.com](http://www.nastyboy-records.com)

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